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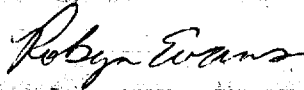
In regard to docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197 the FDA must do more to reduce egg borne diseases in the US Egg industry.

Highly stressful forced molting of chickens, through starvation and water deprivation, is not only inhumane but promotes disease by increasing the shedding of the salmonella bacteria. This fact is even recognized by the US Dept. Of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS.)

The FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting, since the FDA has the jurisdiction to ban farm practices which injure human health. Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious disease contracted through the eating of eggs.

Please act on the 1998 petition to ban forced molting. Warning labels are not enough! Some European countries have virtually eliminated bacterial contamination of eggs at the source through humane husbandry.

Sincerely,



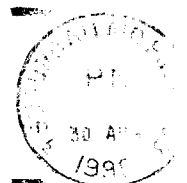
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